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Memorandum on the Activities of Students of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Szechuen Road, in affairs of a Political and/or anti-Japanese nature. 3 133

Available records of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Students openly associating themselves with political affairs date as far back as 1919. In June that year a meeting attended by delegates representing various educational and commercial organizations was held in the Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of making direct representations to the Central Government concerning the welfare of the people. No further developments appeared to have arisen in this connection, probably on account of an anti-Japanese boycott which gained momentum during the following month, and which was openly supported by students of the Y.M.C.A.

During 1925 a General Strike occurred locally and the sum of \$600.00 was subscribed to the Labour Union for the assistance of the strikers. Payment of this sum took place at the time of the Summer Vacation and the Y.M.C.A. authorities disclaimed all knowledge of same.

In April 1927 a movement without any apparent political significance was set afoot by 400 students of the Y.M.C.A. who declared a strike and demanded the vesting of executive school affairs with the Students' United Association. The students failed to attain their object, ^{and} the strike collapsed shortly afterwards.

During June 1928 the anti-Japanese movement was revived, and a lecture bearing on this matter was arranged to take place in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. but was prohibited by the Municipal Police.

In December 1929 a demonstration of an anti-Christian and Communist nature took place in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Szechuen Road, at the conclusion of a Divine Service, but only a handful of the congregation participated. Later that evening two windows of the Y.M.C.A. Restaurant were smashed by the occupants of passing motor-cars, presumably Y.M.C.A. Students with Communist leanings.

At the time of the anti-Japanese Movement in 1932, the Students of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. formed three groups in support of the prevailing boycott. These groups were known as the Conscience Group for National Salvation, Y.M.C.A. Free School Group and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Group. No details of the activities of these particular bodies were disclosed.

Lectures of a pro-Communist nature have been delivered recently in the French Concession Y.M.C.A. under the auspices of the Sino-Soviet Research Society, but no such lectures have been held in the Settlement.